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The Socialists in Ecuador, who for some time have wished to break the grip of the Communist-controlled Confederation de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL), have been unsuccessful to date in their efforts. Organized labor in Ecuador finds itself in a paradoxical position. A large majority of the union workers are Socialists, but the unions are Communist controlled. An example of this is the Ecuadoran Confederation of Labor (CTE), which represents almost 80 per cent of Ecuadoran labor. The CTE is controlled by the Socialists, but is affiliated by necessity with the CTAL, the only international labor organization in operation in Ecuador. The representatives appointed to the CTE by the CTAL are Pedro Saad and Alfonso Quijano, both active Communist labor leaders. The Socialists have been trying to nominate Emilio Gangotena, of Quito, for the position that Saad now holds in the CTAL. If this could be accomplished, the Socialists would be one step nearer their aspiration of breaking the Communist deadlock.

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